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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 40-59 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 40, 47 and 54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 41-46, 48-53 and 55-59 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Detailed Action

Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the length is more 150 words.

Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Please insert the serial number for the U.S provisional application on page 1 of specification.

Appropriate correction is required.

Double Patenting

3. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double

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patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

4. Claims 40, 47, and 54 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 19, and 29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,724,720. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because

Regarding claim 40, applicant claim 40 merely change lightly the scope of claim 1 of the patent number US 6,724,720 by replacing the terms "transmitting", and "said FES network configuration is denied access to said network" of the patent with "sending", and "said network access configuration is de-associated from said FES" of the applicant claims, respectively, and adding the limitation "to send NSP dependent information to said SES" to claim 47.

Regarding claim 47, applicant claim 47 merely change lightly the scope of claim 19 of the patent number US 6,724,720 by replacing the terms "transmitting", and "said FES network configuration is denied access to said network" of the patent with "sending", and "said network access configuration is de-associated from said FES" of the applicant claims, respectively, and adding the limitation "to send NSP dependent information to said SES" to claim 47.

Regarding claim 54, applicant claim 54 merely change lightly the scope of claim 29 of the patent number US 6,724,720 by replacing the terms "transmitting", and "said

another electronic system network configuration is denied access to said network” of the patent with “sending”, and “said network access configuration is de-associated from said AES” of the applicant claims, respectively, and adding the limitation “to send NSP dependent information to said SES” to claim 54.

It has been held that the adding an element and its function is an obvious expedient if the remaining elements perform the same function before. Therefore, addition of a reference element whose function is not needed would be obvious to one skilled in the art.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 41-46, 48-53, and 55-59 are objected to but would be allowable if their respective independent claims 40, 47, and 54 overcoming the nonstatutory double patenting rejection set forth above.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Willner et al. (US 6,064,666); Stewart et al. (US 6,259,405) are cited to show swapping a nonoperational networked electronic system for an operational networked electronic system, which is considered pertinent to the claimed invention.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc Ho whose telephone number is (571) 272-3147. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

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If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu, can be reached on (571) 272-3155.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Patent Examiner



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